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This report contains general observations made in the Port of Whampoa, China, regarding Security Measures, Port Facilities, Naval and Merchant Ships observed and Propaganda.

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2. Security Measures

[redacted] required to radio ahead its ETA at intervals of 96 hours, 48 hours, 24 hours, and immediately before entering port. Information regarding crew members, their nationality, ship's color and markings must be furnished well in advance. No Americans or Japanese are permitted on board when entering. A pilot was made available [redacted] and boarded the ship [redacted]

The pilot took the vessel to the Quarantine anchorage where the port doctor, Customs, Immigration, and Police officials (16 people in all) came aboard for the inspection. The crew members were required to take cholera inoculations. A thorough search of the ship was conducted and radio, binoculars, camera, pistol, etc. were sealed. Papers of the ship were carefully checked, [redacted]

[redacted] all papers must be prepared in Chinese in order to avoid delay. After the search was completed, all of the inspection party went ashore except the pilot, who then took the ship up the river to Whampoa. The ship anchored off Cambridge Barrier (opposite Flat Island No. 2) for loading. While loading was in progress the ship's First mate injured his head and had to go ashore for treatment accompanied by a nurse and an armed guard. On the way to the dispensary the First Mate was stopped at a gate by a guard (described as a boy of about 14) armed with an automatic rifle and asked for his papers. The guard looked at the papers but could not read them and the nurse had to read the pass to the guard. They were allowed to go on to the dispensary where the First Mate was treated with penicillin, which was described as American made and used bandages taken from American wrappers. Loading was completed to a draft of 20 feet at Whampoa and the ship proceeded to Second Bar to continue loading to a 24 foot draft. Final loading was completed at Laffami (near the Canton River entrance). At each of the above loading points Customs officials came aboard every morning and evening to check the seals. When the ship was ready to sail another search was conducted before it was allowed to proceed.

3. Port Facilities

The pilot assigned to vessel was described as one who knew his business and because he did an excellent job taking the ship up the Canton River the ship made a special effort to have the same pilot for the return trip from Whampoa. The crew of the ship had been vaccinated for small pox [redacted] but upon arrival at the Quarantine Anchorage near the entrance of the Canton River, the inspecting doctor required the crew to be inoculated for cholera. The ship's agent [redacted] had prepared all the ship's papers (with copies) in Chinese and processing by Port officials went smoothly. [redacted]

[redacted] on a previous trip to Whampoa the ship was delayed many hours because the ship's papers were not in Chinese. While anchored off Cambridge Barrier, where loading began after a wait of 8 hours, cargo was brought to the ship in lighters and the ship's winches were used to load 4,700 tons of rice in bags. When loading up to a draft of 20 feet was completed the ship proceeded to Second Bar where barges were waiting with cargo for the ship. The ship's winches were used to continue

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loading rice to a draft of 24 feet. A total of 2,300 tons of rice was taken aboard at Second Bar. Loading was completed at Lafsami where 2,450 tons were added. [] the Chinese stevedores worked 24 hours each day in loading; that they appeared to be well dressed and that they seemed to have plenty to eat. One dredge was observed working along the shore of Whampoa, and [] it was about 300-500 tons of work a day. []

4. Ships ObservedA. Naval

One LST flying a Communist China flag was observed passing Whampoa. [] this LST had been farther up the river for repairs and was returning to the river entrance. [] several huge barges, estimated to be about 7 thousand tons each, loaded with soldiers, were moving about in various directions at the river entrance. [] these barges were built in Shanghai and brought to the Canton River area for use there. Two naval craft, each mounting a 3" gun, similar to a PC type, were reported to be laying off the southern tip of Naichow.

5. Propaganda

Crew members who went ashore at Whampoa reported that they were shown films about the Americans burning Chinese in Korea. Conversations always contained propaganda directed against the Americans, and praised the benefits of "New China". []

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